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U. S. BATTERIES GAS GERMANS; INFANTRY IS STILL HELD BACK

GUNNERS SAVED THE KEEMUN IN RUNNING U BOAT BATTLE; TWO MORE SHIPS ATTACKED

Steamer From Central America
Brought in by British
Convoy.

HEARD DISTRESS CALLS.

Iron Bulwarks and Elevated
Bow Disguise One U
Boat as Freighter.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, June 15.—
Bringing a thrilling story of her fight
with a German submarine off the Vir-
ginia coast, the British steamer Keem-
mun docked here to-day.

The Keemmun, attacked last Thursday
night, apparently is undamaged. She
docked at a pier a considerable dis-
tance down the harbor. She carried
no passengers.

According to the story by the cap-
tain of the vessel, the submarine at-
tacked the Keemmun at 6.30 o'clock
Thursday night off the Virginia
Capes.

With the first shell from the sea-
pirate the gun crew of the Keemmun
opened fire on the submarine, which
is apparently one of the largest of
von Tirpitz's undersea fleet.

The range then was 7,000 yards, and
with shells from the five-inch gun of
the U boat throwing up fountains of
spray around the Keemmun a running
fight started which lasted until the
Keemmun fired her last shot at 11,000
yards, or about seven miles.

The Keemmun's guns were worked
rapidly, returning shell for shell. Both
vessels moved through the water at
twelve knots. Just how many shots
were exchanged could not be ac-
curately learned, but it is said the
battle was one of the hottest in those
waters between a merchantman and
a U boat.

The Keemmun made Quarantine early
in the morning and the naval officers
obtained a long statement from her
captain and forwarded it at once to
Washington.

Denying he had sent out any wire-
less call on Thursday evening that
he was sinking, Capt. Collister pro-
fessed ignorance as to how the mes-
sage originated. He would not admit
that he believed the U-boat had sent
the call, but some of the crew feel
the U-boat was trying to lure un-
armed Americans to the rescue of
the supposed sinking Britisher.

The Keemmun crew graphically de-
scribed the running fight of more
than an hour with the U-boat, but
said that the Germans apparently
had no desire to come to close quar-
ters. The submarine's marksmanship
was remarkably poor, said Capt.
Collister, and not one shot hit the
ship or even fell dangerously near.

An American steamer arriving at
an Atlantic port from Central Amer-
ican ports and the Canal Zone to-day
reports that on Wednesday and
Thursday wireless distress signals
came from steamers that were being
shelled by submarines. The steamer
arriving to-day proceeded so cau-
tiously that her commander put into a
Cuban and two American ports on the
southern coast to get sailing orders
from the Navy Department.

Ernest Lubin, an engineer in the
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U. S. ARMY ABROAD EXCEEDS 800,000; MILLION BY JULY 1

Shipment of Troops Limited
Only by Capacity of Boats,
March Announces.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Ameri-
can troops sent to France now num-
ber more than 800,000, and the Gov-
ernment expects to have 1,000,000
there by July 1, Gen. March, Chief of
Staff, announced to-day.

The number of troops now being
transported, Gen. March said, is lim-
ited only by the capacity of the ships
available to carry them.

"And we will continue to ship them
along this line," he added.

The Chief of Staff also declared
that all four offensive drives by the
Germans "have been stopped."

Gen. March's disclosures were made
in his first weekly conference with
newspaper correspondents. Earlier in
the day he told members of the Sen-
ate Military Committee at their
weekly conference with War Depart-
ment officials that the situation of
the Allies "is now more favorable
than it has been for many months."

The committee also was told by
Gen. March that American forces are
being put into the front lines in great-
er numbers every week and the mil-
itary held by American units, inde-
pendently of the French and British,
is being gradually extended.

So many American troops have
been sent abroad, Gen. March said,
that their number now is reaching
the point of becoming sufficient to
counterbalance the losses of the
Allies.

800,000 FIGURE INCLUDES ALL
BRANCHES OF SERVICE.

The 800,000 figure includes all
branches of the service necessary to
make up a complete army, both com-
batant and non-combatant units, Gen.
March said. All War Department
figures regarding troops sent abroad
will be given out on this basis.

Gen. March said that the four Ger-
man drives so far made were "all
part of a common scheme of offen-
sive." Up to this time, he added, the
extension of the Allied front from
Rheims to the sea had reached to
sixty-six miles. To hold that added
line, he said, additional troops were
necessary and the importance of get-
ting American troops over quickly be-
came paramount.

Gen. March declared that "the
obvious objective of the German
advance is, first, the channel ports,
the capture of which would make it
necessary for England, in shipping
troops, to go further up the sea,
slowing up and making the trans-
portation more dangerous; and, sec-
ond, Paris, which is of great strate-
gic importance as well as of im-
portance to the people of France."

The Chief of Staff viewed the
present offensive more as an en-
deavor to straighten out the German
line, rather than as a advance with
a definite object, "like Paris." The
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REVOLT IN AUSTRIA IS LONDON REPORT; RIOTING IN VIENNA

Vague News of Uprising Is
Received From Different
Sources.

LONDON, June 15 (United Press).
—A report that a revolution had bro-
ken out in Austria with serious riot-
ing in Vienna was contained in a
despatch to the Central News to-day
from Amsterdam. The despatch de-
clared the information was received
from the German frontier.

The despatch brought no details of
the reported revolt. It declared that
meetings in favor of stopping the
present fighting at the war fronts are
being held in Hungary.

LONDON, June 15 (Associated
Press).—Reports of a serious crisis in
Austria are current to-day. They
come from various outside sources,
but there is no direct confirmatory
news.

A news message to-day from the
semi-official Fabra Agency of Madrid
says private information from reli-
able sources state that grave events
are about to occur in Austria, where
the population is demanding peace at
any price.

Amsterdam messages say a rumor
was circulated on the Bourse yes-
terday that rioting had begun in Vienna.

WILSON AND MERCIER IN FRENCH ACADEMY

Unanimously Elected to Membership
With Ex-Premier Salandra
of Italy.

PARIS, June 15.—President Wilson,
former Premier Salandra of Italy and
Cardinal Mercier, Primate of Belgium,
were unanimously elected to-day to
the French Academy of Moral and
Political Sciences.

NAVY MEDICAL DIRECTOR FINED AS FOOD HOARDER

Dr. Francis S. Nash Assessed \$1,-
000—Charge Against Wife
Dismissed.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Dr.
Francis S. Nash, a medical director
in the navy, was fined \$1,000 to-day
in the District of Columbia Supreme
Court after entering a plea of nolle
prosequere to a charge of unlawfully
hoarding foodstuffs. An identical
charge against his wife, Caroline S.
Nash, was dismissed.

The court was told that most of the
food hoard, valued at approximately
\$2,000, found in the Nash home, had
been purchased before the declaration
of war with Germany and that much of
it had been intended for charitable dis-
tribution.

The Government instituted proceed-
ings to libel a portion of Dr. Nash's
food stock. Officials said that part of
it illegally stored would be confiscated.

CONY LIGHTS ON TO-NIGHT.

Enright Permits Illumination for
a Brief Period.

Upon representations of Coney Island
amusement men, Police Commissioner
Enright to-day granted permission for
the lights on the whole island to be
turned on for tonight and to-morrow
night only.

This relaxation of recent stringent
orders for a lightless Coney will be ap-
preciated by all except lovers on the
beach.

ACID THROWER AT WORK A YEAR IN HEART OF CITY

Acts of Supposed Insane Man
at Grand Central Recalled
—Women His Victims.

The acid attack made last night upon
twelve young women on Seventh Ave-
nue, between 46th and 47th Streets,
whereby four were burned so badly as
to necessitate their treatment at Belle-
vue Hospital, was but a renewal of the
malicious freak of some degenerate or
insane creature who has been carrying
on similar depredations in and around
Grand Central Station for a year.

It became known to-day that com-
plaints of like outrages have come to
the police from this congested center of
city life, and that every effort to catch
the acid thrower has been unavailing.
To-day likewise detectives going over
the scene of last night's attack could
find no trace of a bottle or other clue
which might lead to the capture of the
mad brute responsible for the criminal
attacks.

The testimony of all the victims of
last night's affair agree that the acid
thrown is slow in its results. In each
instance their garments were burned
completely away before they felt the
heat of the fiery stuff on their bodies,
and in every case the acid was
thrown or projected from a squirt
gun from behind.

Bellevue doctors who treated the
four most seriously burned have not
been able to arrive at an exact de-
termination of the nature of the acid.
They said to-day they believed it was
sulfuric, but that there might be an
admixture of some other corrosive
acid with it. The effect of the acid is
very painful if not dangerous.

The names of the victims of the
acid thrower, as the police obtained
them when they went to a drug store
at 46th Street and Seventh Avenue
for relief, are: Miss Helen Fardon,
former Premier Salandra of Italy and
Cardinal Mercier, Primate of Belgium,
were unanimously elected to-day to
the French Academy of Moral and
Political Sciences.

Five others, who received minor
burns and who did not need the ser-
vices of the two Bellevue Hospital
physicians summoned to the drug
store, went to their homes without
giving their names.

Miss Audrey Maple, whose home is
at No. 640 West 139th Street, was
straddling through the crowd near
47th Street, accompanied by a
friend, when she cried that she
was afraid. She reached over her
shoulder and her hand brought away
a large piece of her cape. Both Miss
Maple and the friend were hurried to
the Hotel Astor, where Mrs. Maple
received emergency treatment from
the hotel physician. Her should-
ers, back and legs were badly burned
and she had to be taken home for
further treatment.

Miss Wallace told an Evening
World man to-day of her experience.
She said:
"Miss Lillian Miller and I had just
left our home at the New Victoria
Hotel and were walking down
Seventh Avenue between 47th and
48th Streets when I felt my feet
growing very warm. I looked down
and saw something like tobacco juice
on my shoes. Then my friend

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President Wilson at Flag Day Fete Sings 'Star-Spangled Banner'



President Wilson yesterday led
the singing of "The Star-Spangled
Banner" at the open air Sylvan
Theatre, Washington, in com-
memoration of Flag Day, the 141st
anniversary of the birth of the
Stars and Stripes. Mrs. Wilson
is beside the President.

180 MORE U. S. DESTROYERS TO BE SENT TO EUROPEAN WATERS BY END OF THE YEAR

Plans for Greatest Fleet of Its Kind Revealed
in Secretary Daniels' Demand for
Larger Personnel.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Ameri-
ca's sea forces in European waters
will be augmented by five more
squadrons of destroyers this year, the
House Naval Committee was officially
informed to-day.

These ships will give this Nation the
greatest destroyer fleet in the world's
history.

A squadron includes thirty-six de-
stroyers. Therefore plans call for
sending of 180 more of these craft
abroad.

To man these there must be an im-
mediate increase in naval officers, the
committee was told in letters from
Admirals Palmer and Benson and
Secretary Daniels, urging a perma-
nent increase in the navy's personnel
to 131,485 enlisted men.

That a grave situation exists
through lack of men fitted to com-
mand in the navy was revealed in
letters exchanged between the navy
officials and the House Committee.

Among the statements therein
were:
Of the two destroyer squadrons
now abroad neither had a designated
commander other than a British offi-
cer, Admiral Bayley.

We are planning to send five more
squadrons abroad within a year and
have not a commander for any of
them, making them practically use-
less for anything except submarine
chasing.

Unless we have five new Vice Ad-
mirals for destroyers and submarine
squadrons by July 1, 1919, it will be
impossible to utilize these forces to
good purpose.

Every active officer except one who
is sick is now employed.

ARTILLERY BATTLES ON ALONG THE ENTIRE FRONT; GERMANS PLAN NEW BLOW

Thousands of Gas Shells Hurlled Into
Enemy Lines Near Thierry by
American Batteries in Retalia-
tion for Heavy Attacks—U. S.
Patrols Are Active.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, June 15
(Associated Press).—American batteries last night hurled thou-
sands of gas shells into the German lines along the Marne front,
northwest of Chateau-Thierry. The bombardment was in retalia-
tion for a heavy gas attack by the Germans.

There was patrol activity along the American fronts in the
Marne region and in Picardy, and some artillery fire occurred in
addition to the gas bombardment. There was no infantry action,
but the situation is tense along the entire line.

PARIS, June 15.—The artillery on both sides was active last night
on the front between Montdidier and the River Oise, the War Office
announced to-day.

The gunfire was also rather marked in the region south of the
Aisne and west of Rheims, in the Champlatt-Bigny sector. No in-
fantry actions occurred.

Following is the text of to-day's War Office report:
"During the night there was great activity between the op-
posing artilleries between Montdidier and the Oise, south of the
Aisne and also west of Rheims in the region of Champlatt and Bigny.

"French patrols operating in the Champagne sector captured
prisoners. The night was calm on the other portions of the front."

This report indicates that the fourth phase of the German offensive
—the drive southward between Montdidier and Noyon—is at an end.
The Germans have made no appreciable gain in this section for three
days. Their greatest gain is in the center, south of Roye, where they
are just north of Antheuil—representing an advance of about five miles.
Previously they had progressed more than a mile beyond this point, but
were driven back.

GERMANS PREPARING FOR NEW BLOW

But the end is not yet. Both Allied and enemy critics agree that the
Germans have sufficient reserves to continue the fighting on a grand
scale until August, and they believe the drive has been stopped only to
permit the reforming of the shattered German divisions.

The six days of terrible fighting east of Montdidier realized mediocre
gains and the Petit Parisien says that the German check gives a good
reason for confidence, as the Allied armies are increasing continuously.
It is pointed out that the army of the German Crown Prince is ex-
hausted and it is believed that Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, whose
reserves are far from being equal to those under his command on March
21, will probably resume action on his portion of the front.

Berlin has not abandoned hope of obtaining a "good" German peace
soon. The press is following with interest the preparations for a peace
offensive which seems to be clearly outlined and about to pass from
the newspaper domain into official circles.

BRITISH TAKE PRISONERS IN A RAID NEAR BETHUNE

Capture Machine Guns in Another Operation
and Repulse Two Attacks by Germans.

[BRITISH REPORT]

LONDON, June 15.—The following statement was issued to-day
by the War Office:

"A successful local operation was carried out last night by English
and Scottish battalions north of Bethune (in Flanders). More than sixty

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